



# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## HARRIS PARK



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*A warm, welcoming space for all to worship and experience the love of God*

### 27 October 2024 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Tuesday to Friday:** 7:00 a.m.

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** Vigil 5:30 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 am & 10:00 am

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am. - 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### SACRAMENTS @ ST OLIVER'S

**For Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Funerals,** please ring or email the parish office for assistance.

#### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).**

Thinking about becoming a Catholic or know someone who may be interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Contact the Parish Office for more details on joining the RCIA program.

#### FOR HOME VISITS

Is there anyone you know who is in need of visitation in the parish area of Harris Park? Please inform Fr Paul and Fr John or contact the parish office and let us know of their situation, location and needs.



**FAMILY MASS:** Our next Family Mass involving our School families and, by extension, to all our extended parish families will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. Let's make it a family reunion time in thanksgiving to God for the past year and make a special effort to invite those of our families not usually at Mass to come along and extend a welcoming hand to them. We come together to unite in our faith and to pray for peace and good-will within our families and for our world family. Let it be a door to Advent and Christmas.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Diocese of Parramatta sits, the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people. We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.



#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
 turn to the Lord and his strength;  
 constantly seek his face.

Cf. Psalm 104:3-4

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Son of Man has come  
 To give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

#### A little more about St. Oliver Plunkett

Last week we heard about the life of Archbishop Oliver Plunkett as he sought to re-build the Catholic faith in Ireland in the 1670's under the Protestant persecution at the time. It was alleged that he had conspired to bring 20 000 French soldiers into Ireland to force out the British and had levied a tax on his clergy to raise a force of 70 000 local men for a rebellion. At his first trial in Dundalk in Ireland, Plunkett faced an all-Protestant jury, however, the prosecution case collapsed, as the witnesses themselves were wanted men and afraid to turn up to court. The trial was then moved to England where he was denied the basic rights of all accused- he was not represented by counsel; given no opportunity to call witnesses for his defense, and he was deprived of the criminal histories of those who gave evidence against him. He was convicted in June 1681. In the sixteen days between his trial and execution, he was visited by a large number of Catholics and Protestants seeking his blessing. Within days of his death, those who had been involved in the fabrication of evidence were exposed, but it was too late for the Archbishop.

Mark Tedeschi QC, *Murder at Myall Creek* (Simon and Schuster, NSW Australia 2016) 8-10

Next week: a descendant of Archbishop Oliver Plunkett, John Hubert Plunkett, in the 1830's becomes Attorney General of NSW and fights the case for 28 Aboriginal men, women and children murdered at Myall Creek in northern NSW.

#### **NEXT PARISH READING ROSTER: 2/3 NOVEMBER**

Saturday 5:30 pm Jackie Perumal / Siji Lino

Sunday 8:00 am Seini & Ipolito Lasalo || 10:00 am Geoff & Monica Officer

### Interfaith Statement on Domestic Violence

A joint interfaith statement involving Buddhist, Baha'i, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish and Council of churches talks about the prevention of family violence and violence against women, as follows:

- The rate of women killed by an intimate partner in Australia increased by nearly 30% in 2022-23, compared to the previous year. In 2024, one woman is violently killed in Australia every four days.
- As faith community leaders we oppose family violence against women in all its forms, and call upon people of faith to play a role in its elimination.
- Violence is not just physical, it can be psychological, emotional, sexual, financial or spiritual. The roots are abuse of power and the control of one person over another.
- Across faith traditions we declare:
  - Sacred texts, scriptures and cultural traditions should not be used to justify or excuse violence against women
  - We undertake a journey together to raise awareness in our communities and to stop violence against women before it occurs.

*"Bridges" Sept. 2024 Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, 7*

### Confirmation Program begins:

30 Oct, 6 Nov, and 13 Nov Confirmation lessons at 5.00pm at St. Oliver's primary school. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am Mass

### Prayers for Deacon Menard:

Please pray for Deacon Menard as he begins his priesthood retreat this coming week.

**PARISH FUNDRAISING: 3 NOVEMBER**  
*Please join us on Sunday 3 November after the 8am and 10am Masses to commemorate the 49th anniversary of St Oliver Plunkett's canonisation and raise funds for the Parish. Several parishioners will generously be baking and selling fresh spinach triangles and 'manouche', a delicious Lebanese bread topped with thyme or cheese. All proceeds will be donated to help with the parish's operating costs.*



### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

Beginning with All Saints' Day on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, all masses celebrated at St Oliver's in November will be offered for all those who have died. The names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin during the month of November.

As has been customary for our parish, there will be a book of remembrance which will be placed at the altar during all masses in November.

Please use the November mass offering envelopes to submit the names of your departed loved ones that you would like to be entered in the Book of Life.

A suitable offering for November masses is \$20, as recommended by the ACBC. However, please, remember that all names of your departed friends and family will be recorded in the Book of Life regardless of the donation you make or not make.



*Please pray for those who are sick, recently deceased, have an anniversary at this time and all those for whom you have a special intention.*

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Vince Redden | Ignatius Lasarado | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

**Deceased:** Rachael Sumagui; Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil, Yolanda & Donald Muir | Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey & family; Jabour & Doura Nicholas; Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas; Namtullah & Christine Coorey; Saidie & Joseph Coorey; Kevin Coorey; All deceased members of the Nicholas, Coorey, Budwee and Norman families | Joe & Clare Boulous | Isaac & Ruby Moses | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun | Frank & Ray Malkoun | Romanos Malkoun | Samiha Frome | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Pamela Romanos | Evelyn Betros | Tony & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | All Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

**Anniversary:** George Adob Lattouf | Joy Antony Varavumkal | Molly Toy | Pantaleon Jimenez | For all those whose anniversaries occur around this time

**Sick:** Virginia, Agnes, Napoleon, Jorge, Manuel & Joaquin Patacsil, Elizabeth & Michael Perez, Naty & Maria Aurora Degamo, Erwin Ayuste, Neil Patacsil | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

**Special Intention:** Wap-Hill, Sidney, Kimberley & Richard | John Patacsil | For all our special intentions and for those who have asked us for prayers

**Thanksgiving:** For all our blessings and prayers for thanksgiving

To our parishioners who would like to request for a home or hospital visit for the sick, please call the parish office on (02) 8863 8801 or email [harrisparke@parracatholic.org](mailto:harrisparke@parracatholic.org). For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.